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ORAL STATEMENT BY THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR (CROCKER)
TO THE JAPANESE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MATSUOKA)¹⁴

I am informed by our Consul at Hanoi that certain merchandise owned by American interests is being refused re-export permits from Indo-China by the Indo-Chinese authorities chiefly as a result of Japanese pressure brought upon those authorities.

Detailed information regarding such merchandise is known to the Indo-China authorities, to our Consul, and presumably to the Japanese.

I have been instructed to request that appropriate steps be taken to put an end to this unwarranted interference with the shipments of goods and merchandise owned by Americans.

Foreign Relations II, pp. 298-299.

Footnote:

¹⁴ Notation: "Left with Mr. Terazaki, Director of the American Bureau of the Japanese Foreign Office, by the American First Secretary, Mr. Crocker, November 15, 1940, as from the American Ambassador to the Minister for Foreign Affairs".

米國大使（グル一）ノ日本外務大臣
(証聞)ニ試スル口頭聲明(註、一四)

予ハ河内駐在領事ヨリ、印度支那當局ヘ、主ト
シテ該當局ニ日本ノ壓迫力加ヘラレタル結果、
米國關係者所有ノ或る種商品ノ印度支那ヨリノ
再輸出許可ヲ拒否シリトノ報告ヲ受ケテキル。
是等ノ商品ニ關スル詳細ナル情報ハ印度支那當
局、吾方領事、又船ヲクハ日本側ニモ知レテキ
ルモノテアル。

予ハ米国人所屬ノ貨物及ビ商品ノ船積ニ對スル
此ノ不當ナ妨害ヲ停止セシムベシ適當ナル手段
ヲ講ゼラレタキ旨要請セヨトノ訓令ニ接シテキ
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外交關係第二卷、第二九八頁及第二九九頁

註(一四)右記は一九四〇年ノ昭和十五年／
十一月十五日、米國大使ヨリ日本外務大臣
ヘ宛テタルモノトシテ、米口一等書記官ク
ラツカ！氏ガ日本外務省アメリカ局長寺崎
氏ヘ手交方法依託セルモノナリ。

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